

I would like to lodge my complaint to the FCC concerning Sinclair Broadcasting Group and their decision to force their local stations to preempt local broadcasting in favor of a purely partisan political message days before a national election.

If indeed the public owns the airwaves and leases these to private concerns with the condition to serve the public why is Sinclair allowed to blatantly disregard its responsibility to inform the public with fair and balanced reporting and instead air an attack upon one presidential candidate, commercial free, that cannot be considered as anything but a political ad.

This was not the intent of recent laws allowing the consolidation of ownership of public airwaves but Sinclairs actions signal that abuse of the privileges will become the norm and we the public will no longer be served but propagandized with the veiws of those wishing to further their hold on media power.

I take this to be a very serious breech of a contract and confidence that the institutions of journalism and media will be able to be at the service of an informed democracy. The FCC is charged with protecting and pursuing the proper use of the bandwidth to ensure that the best interests of the public are secured. I hope that Sinclair Broadcasting Group's license renewal will be challenged by this and other comments concerning its refusals to behave in a non-partisan way.

Sincerely,

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